

Appl. No. 10/079,184
Atty. Docket No. 8872Q
Amdt. dated August 13, 2004
Reply to Office Action of June 15, 2004
Customer No. 27752

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 25 are pending in the present application. No additional claims fee is believed to be due.

Claims 1, 10-13, 20-22 and 24 are canceled without prejudice.

Claim 23 has been amended to include all the limitations of base claim, independent claim 20.

In addition, new Claims 25-27, depending from allowed claim 14, have been added. Support for these new claims is found at page 19, line 29 through page 20, lines 1 through 3 of the specification.

It is believed these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter. Consequently, entry of these changes is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 USC 102(b) Over Pozniak, et al.

Claims 1, 20-22, and 24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Pozniak, et al. USPN 6045543. Per this response, claims 1, 20-22, and 24 are canceled without prejudice.

Rejection Under 35 USC 102(a) Over Cammarota, et al.

Claims 10-13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Cammarota, et al. USPN 6045543. Per this response, claims 10-13 are canceled without prejudice.

Allowable Subject Matter

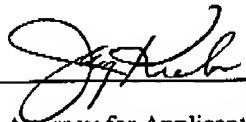
According to the Office, claims 2-9 and 14-19 are allowed. Claim 23 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Per this response, Claim 23 has been amended to include all the limitations of independent claim 20. In addition, Claims 25-27, which were added per this response, are dependent upon allowed claim 14.

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Conclusion

In light of the above remarks, it is requested that the Office allow claims 2-9, 14-19, 23 and 25-27. Early and favorable action in the case is respectfully requested.

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